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(54) Title: HAIR CONDITIONING COMPOSITION COMPRISING HYDROPHOBICALLY MODIFIED CELLULOSE ETHER

(57) Abstract: Disclosed is a hair conditioning composition comprising by weight: (a) from about 0.001 % to about 2 % of a hydrophobically modified cellulose ether comprising a hydrophilic cellulose backbone and a hydrophobic substitution group; the hydrophilic cellulose backbone being water soluble and selected from the group consisting of methyl cellulose, hydroxymethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl cellulose, hydroxyethyl ethylcellulose, hydroxypropyl cellulose, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, hydroxybutyl cellulose, and mixtures thereof; and having grafted thereto the hydrophobic substitution group to render the hydrophobically modified cellulose ether to have less than 1 % water solubility, the hydrophobic substitution group selected from a straight or branched chain alkyl group of from about 10 to about 22 carbons; wherein the ratio of the hydrophilic groups in the hydrophilic cellulose backbone to the hydrophobic substitution group being from about 2:1 to about 1000:1; (b) from about 0.1 % to about 15 % of a high melting point fatty compound having a melting point of 25 °C or higher; (c) from about 0.1 % to about 10 % of a cationic conditioning agent having saturated alkyl groups; and (d) an aqueous carrier.